

March 24, 2014

Dear Authorized Representative/Food Service Director: This information was emailed to the Authorized Representative and the Food Service Director. If you desire additional staff members to receive the monthly emails please send me their contact information and I will add them to the distribution list.

Sincerely,

Patti Harding, Administrative Consultant

The Monthly Memos and Update - Schools are posted on our web page at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/quick-links-nutrition/monthly-memos-updates-schools>. Please take the time to review the postings for December as a notice was not sent in December announcing it was posted. USDA's web site at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/nslp/national-school-lunch-program-nslp> provides many resources related to the National School Lunch Program.

### **Community Eligibility Provision**

Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools in high poverty areas. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Please review the two USDA memos listed on our web page at <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/quick-links-nutrition/monthly-memos-updates-schools>.

### **Adult Meal Price FY15**

For FY15, the adult meal price must be at least \$3.27 (\$2.93 free reimbursement rate plus .06 Performance Based Certification reimbursement plus .2775 USDA Food per-meal rate). FY15 SFA applications will not be approved until the adult meal price is at least \$3.27. Please take the necessary action now to ensure compliance.

### **Professional Standards: Proposed Rule**

The Proposed Rule would require that beginning July 1, 2015, all school nutrition program directors who manage and operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs must meet minimum educational requirements. The Food and Nutrition Service has categorized the minimum educational requirements into four distinct local educational agency (LEA) sizes, based on student enrollment. Also included are minimum training levels for all school nutrition staff. These proposed changes respond to amendments made by section 306 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), which require USDA to establish professional standards for school nutrition personnel. To review the Proposed Rule for Professional Standards go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CN2014-0130.pdf>. Written comments on this proposed rule must be received by the Food and Nutrition Service on or before April 7, 2014. USDA's Professional Standards videos are available for viewing at <http://search.usa.gov/search/news/videos?affiliate=usda-fns&m=false&query=professional+standards>

### **REMINDER: Food Safety Inspection reported on CNP2000**

The food safety/health inspections are reported via the CNP 2000 web based system at: <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/CNP/security.asp>. On the green navigation bar select "Health Inspections". On the next screen, click on "Health Inspection," click on Program year 2013, click on "select," and complete the report. The number of food safety/health inspections that each school/site had must be reported by May 15, 2014.

If you are not responsible for the food safety inspections, please inform the appropriate individual. Questions may be directed to your area consultant or Deb Linderblood, Consultant, at 515-281-5663 or [Deb.Linderblood@iowa.gov](mailto:Deb.Linderblood@iowa.gov).